

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-891

Guy Lusby House

14240 South Solomons Island Road

Solomons, Calvert County

ca. 1940

Private

The Guy Lusby House is an excellent illustration of a modest rural building with high-style suburban Craftsman- and Colonial Revival-style details and twentieth-century materials. Erected about 1940, the single-family dwelling has a panel-faced concrete block foundation, a mass-produced building material that was commonly used in the first part of the twentieth century because it was decorative, inexpensive, and long-lasting.

Highly influenced by the popular styles and forms of modest suburban twentieth-century housing, the wood-frame structure is one-and-a-half stories high with a rear ell. In form, the building is illustrative of the Cape Cod form with its side-gabled roof and three-bay-wide façade pierced by a central entry. Further, the low massing, overhanging eaves, inset wall planes, and two-room-deep plan reflect the fashionable bungalow. Stylistically, the building is dressed with 6/1 windows, triple openings, a watertable and stringcourse, and a decorative concrete-block foundation that are commonly associated with the Craftsman style. Yet, the imposing front-gabled portico with its triple Tuscan columns, molded entablature, semi-circular arched ceiling, and wide central entry with sidelights is more indicative of the Colonial Revival style. The dwelling sits on a panel-faced concrete-block foundation and is clad with wood weatherboard siding. The side-gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. One interior corbeled brick chimney rises from the rear slope of the roof. The façade fenestration is comprised of triple windows with 4/4 wood-sash windows framing an 8/1 wood-sash window. The same window fenestration is found on the rear elevation, while the side elevations have 6/1 windows. All of the windows have square-edged wood surrounds. A contemporaneous one-story, one-bay garage sits behind the house, to the east. It is a front-gable, wood-framed structure that is clad in wood weatherboarding. It has a one-bay, six-light, roll-up wood-paneled door.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Guy Lusby House

other

2. Location

street and number	14240 S. Solomons Island Road	not for publication
city, town	Solomons	vicinity
county	Calvert	

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Oscar Dewitt				
street and number	2707 Key Blvd.			telephone	Unknown
city, town	Arlington	state	VA	zip code	22201-4003

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse		tax map and parcel: 44B:103			
city, town	Pr. Frederick	liber	ABE 645	folio	932

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

[illegible]

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING

The house at 14240 South Solomons Island Road is in the Avondale area of Solomons Island. The 20,429 square foot property is on the east side of the road near Johnstown. The house is set close to the road with a grassy level lot in front and gravel drive on the south side leading to the historic garage at the rear of the property. Overgrown boxwood hedges frame the paved walkway and birdbath leading to the primary entry.

PRIMARY RESOURCE

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SECONDARY RESOURCES

A contemporaneous one-story, one-bay garage sits behind the house, to the east. It is a front-gable, wood-framed structure that is clad in wood weatherboarding. It has a one-bay, six-light, roll-up wood-paneled door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts	
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy	
1800-1899	X architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government	
X 1900-1999	art	entertainment/	landscape architecture	religion	
2000-	commerce	recreation	law	science	
	communications	ethnic heritage	literature	social history	
	community planning	exploration/	maritime industry	transportation	
	conservation	settlement	military	other:	

Specific dates ca. 1940

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates ca. 1940

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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The property was owned by Guy Lusby in the 1980s. In 1986, Carroll B Lusby Sr. and Gary S. Lusby sold the property to Oscar and Hannah Dewitt. Oscar Dewitt obtained full ownership in 1993 and currently uses it as rental property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.47

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Solomons Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Guy Lusby House is located at 14240 South Solomons Island Road, Solomons, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic house, along with its historic outbuildings, is noted on Tax Map 44B, Parcel 103. It has been associated with Parcel 103 since the building's construction about 1940.

11. Form Prepared By

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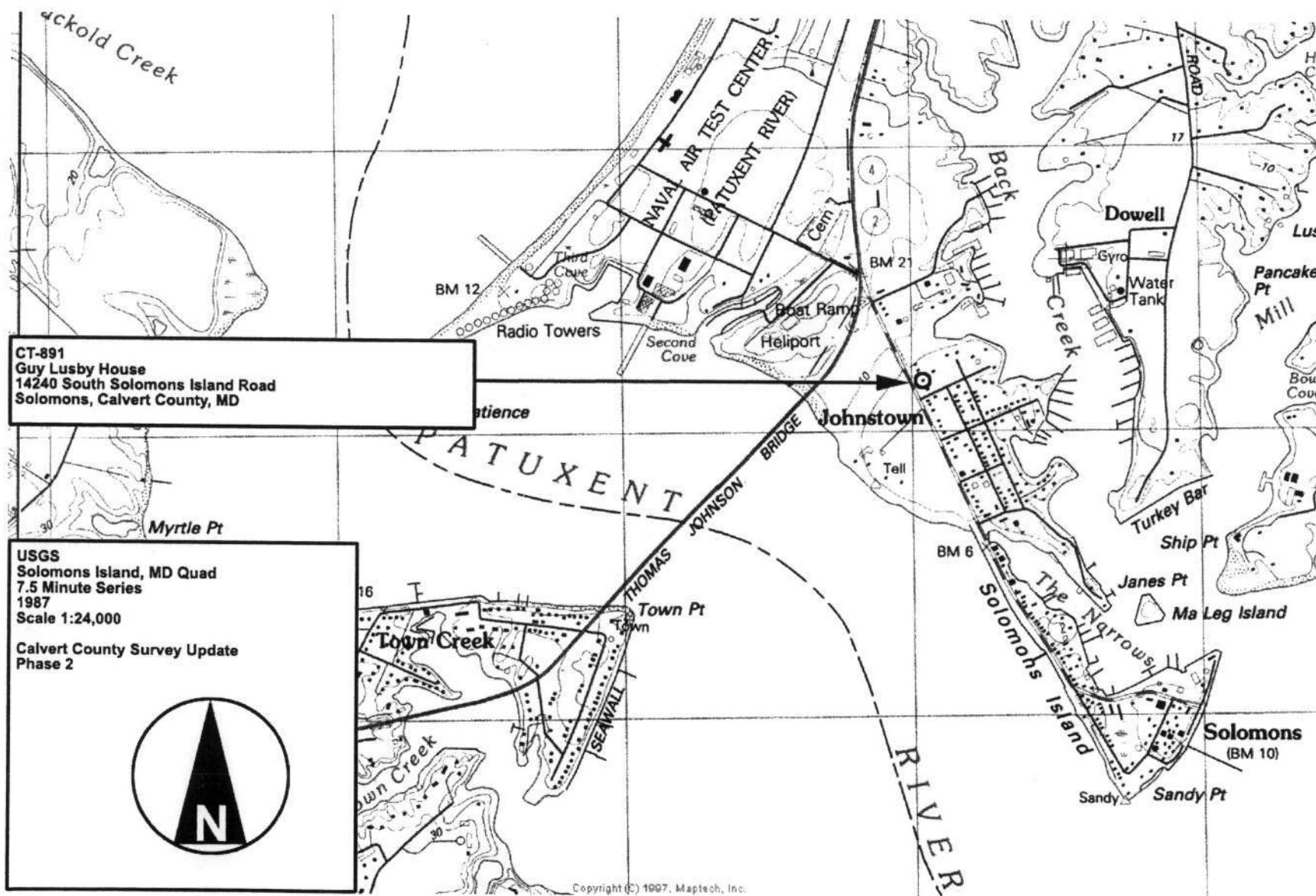
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state DC zip code 20001

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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looking northeast

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Guy Lusby House, 14240 S. Solomons Island Road
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South corner

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Guy Lusby House, 14240 S Solomons Island Rd.

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looking north

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Guy Lusk House, 14240 S. Solomons Island Rd.
Calvert County, MD

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looking northwest at garage

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-891

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Guy Lusby House

2. Location

street & number Solomons Island Road (Maryland Routes 2,4) ☐ not for publicationcity, town Solomons ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Guy A. Lusby

street & number P.O. Box 307 telephone no.:

city, town Solomons state and zip code Maryland 20688

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This interesting early twentieth-century bungalow faces west onto Solomons Island Road. It is set on a foundation of concrete blocks that have been molded to look like ashlar. It is a framed and weatherboarded, gable-roofed structure with a double-pile plan and a three-bay facade composed of a central sidelighted doorway and flanking three-part windows. There is a segmental-arched, gable-roofed porch set on trios of Doric columns. An off-center brick stove flue is part of the structure's heating system. Along with the front central porch, the most distinctive decorative features are the original decorative trellises that have been attached to the front corners of the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Directed historical research would more firmly establish the historical significance of this site.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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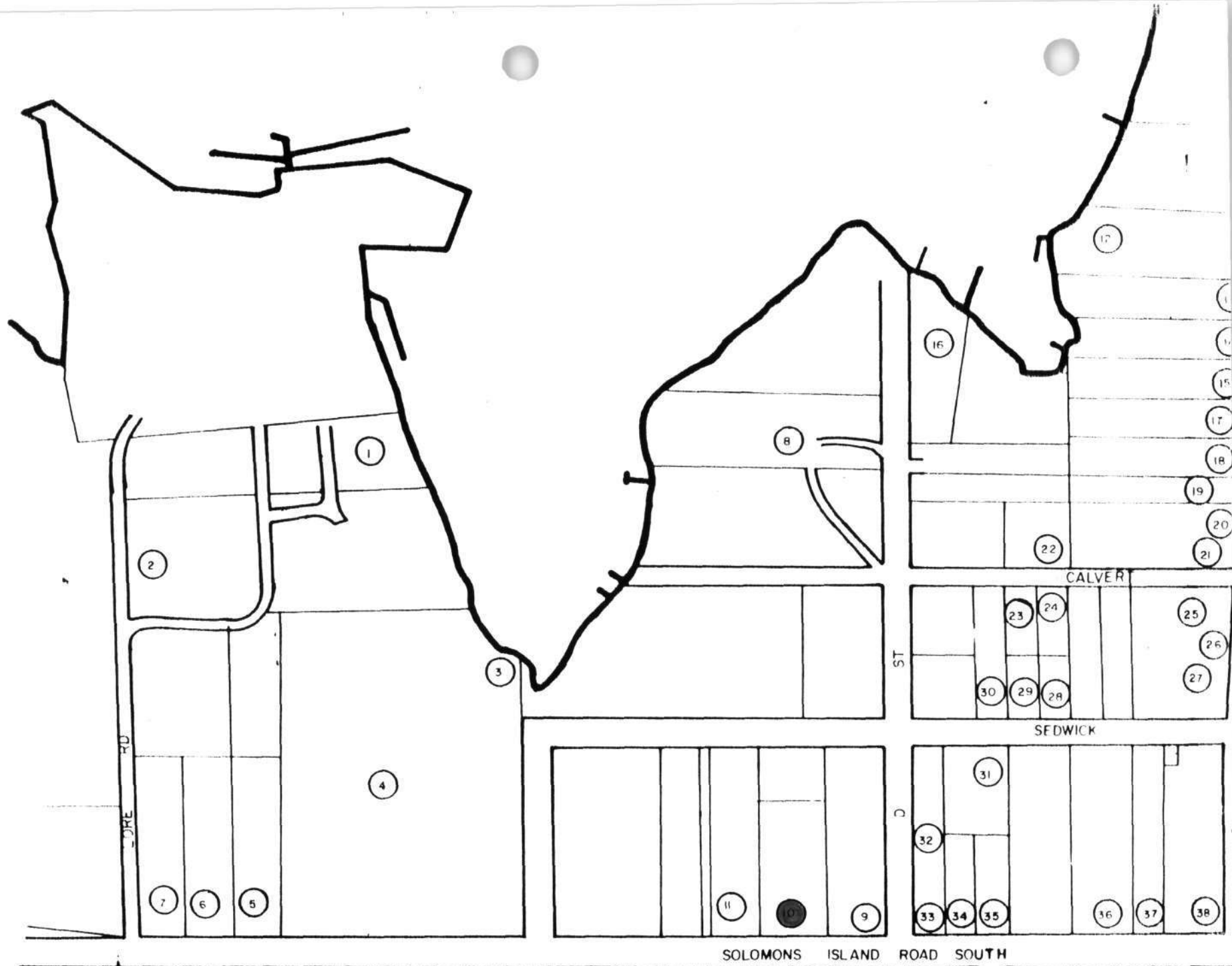
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 Solomons Island Road
 Solomons

Camille Wells
view from the southwest

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